

### **REMARKS**

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004.

The applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 1-21 and 28-40. Claims 22 and 23 were rejected, while claims 24-27 were objected to as dependent upon rejected base claim 22. In this response, claims 22, 25, and 26 have been amended. Claim 24 has been canceled. Thus, claims 1-23 and 25-40 are pending.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Reeley (USPN 6,791,605). However, claim 22 has been amended to include the allowable limitation of canceled claim 24. Thus, the applicant submits that claim 22 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 23 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Reeley, but is similarly allowable as being dependent from claim 22.

Claims 25-27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In light of the amendment to the corresponding base claim, independent claim 22, the objection should be withdrawn. The applicant also notes that claims 25 and 26 were amended to depend directly from claim 22 rather than canceled claim 24.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-23 and 25-40 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections

be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Vaughn North at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vaughn W. North", written over a horizontal line.

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